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The Fortnightly

The Fortnightly meeting of Jan. 2 was cancelled due to inclement weather. The talk by Mrs. Walter Corbin on "New England Steeples," which was to have featured the program, will be heard at a later date.

Dr. Edmond S. Meany, Jr., of Mount Hermon School, will speak on "World Affairs" at the next Fortnightly meeting on Jan. 16 in Alexander Hall at 3 p. m. The tea hostesses for the meeting will be Mrs. Arthur Platt, Mrs. Bernard Whitney, Mrs. Dana Leavis and Mrs. Philip Mann, Jr.

NORTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Northfield High School reopened on Monday, Jan. 5, with two new students added to the enrollment. Elwin Stevens, who has been recovering from a broken leg suffered in an accident at his home in the middle of August, was greeted by his many friends. Walter Kenney resumed his studies with the eighth grade after an extended absence.

The members of the Senior Class have been canvassing the town for materials to be included in their auction which is planned for the near future. Any persons having contributions to make should contact any member of the Senior Class or call the high school. All proceeds will benefit the annual Washington trip.

Several boys have been practicing with Mr. McLean and Mr. Leonard in the Mount Hermon gymnasium three days a week. One scrimmage has been held with the Powers Institute team. The Northfield team made a very favorable showing. A game has been scheduled with Powers Institute on Tuesday night, Jan. 27 at the Barnardston Town Hall. It is hoped that a large following from Northfield will accompany the team to Barnardston to witness the first scheduled basketball game for Northfield High School in many years.

Prizes have been distributed to the many pupils who sold magazine subscriptions in the annual October drive. Russell Hutchins sold the most subscriptions and received as a special award a "Parker 51" pen. Any townspeople who ordered magazines and who have not received the first copy are asked to contact the person who sold it to them or call Mr. Leonard at the high school.

Schools Speakers

The Sunday morning speakers at the Northfield Schools Jan. 11 will be Rev. Benjamin R. Andrews, Jr., chaplain at Northfield School for Girls, in Russell Sage Chapel at 11 o'clock, and Rev. Albert B. Buchanan, chaplain at Mt. Hermon School, in Memorial Chapel at 10:30 o'clock.

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Curtail Plane Service

From Keene comes the report that there will be no more airplane flights in the regular service between the Keene airport and New York City. The Northeast lines have petitioned the Federal Civil Aeronautics Board for suspension during the wintertime.

Several local residents have taken passage on the line during the past year and enjoyed the journey by air. Winter storms make it hard to travel by highway to the airport. Perhaps next summer the service will be restored.

WEATHER OR WHETHER

New England's traditional unpredictable weather set many new records for the year 1947.

The 36-day drought extending from Sept. 22 to Oct. 29 was the second longest since records have been kept. This was an "absolute" drought since no precipitation was measured during the period.

October also had 272 hours of sunshine. The average for the month is 197 hours.

The month of May stands out as an example of New England's changeable weather. In less than a week the high and low records for the month were broken. On May 9 the temperature was a record low of 37, then rose four days later to a record high of 87. Following a two-day spell of hot weather it dropped to 36. Another new record.

The mercury in the glass was busy going up and down, making and breaking records with each sudden change.

But then, what would New England be without its weather!

As someone suggested long ago, "Everybody talks about the weather, why doesn't somebody do something about it?"

For the latest in New England weather trends see "The Old Farmers Almanac."

Farms Library Annual

The Farms Library Association held its annual meeting Saturday evening of last week at the library and Murray M. Hammond was the moderator. Lewis Wood is clerk and he presented a report of the activities of the past year which was most encouraging. Dorothy Clough offered the librarian's report and the acting treasurer's report of Charles S. Tenney was presented, all reports being accepted by vote.

Warren Billings, Virginia Leach and Albert Rice were named as the library committee and the book committee consists of Mrs. Alice Billings, Mrs. Vera Farris, Mrs. Mary Parker, Mrs. Agnes Hammond, Mrs. Virginia Leach, Mrs. Helen Kavanaugh and Mrs. Dorothy Clough as the book committee. The library is well used and appreciated by residents in the Farms section of Northfield.

Feed The Birds Now

Several reports have reached the editor of the Press of the finding of dead birds in various portions of the town. Whether they were frozen or starved is not known but surely hundreds were caught in the recent severe storms while seeking food.

It is not much to ask that residents should take it upon themselves to distribute something to the little creatures, whose presence we so much enjoy. Bread crumbs, crackers broken, and cereals should be placed on a prepared portion of ground or on the hard surface of snow where it will not sink in and be lost. If we all do our share in feeding the birds and all wild life, we will have assumed our obligations in preventing suffering.

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WEDDINGS

STRATFORD-BILLINGS

Miss Beverly Billings, daughter of Mrs. Malcolm Billings of Northfield Farms and Stanley Stratford, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Stratford of Moores Corner, were married Saturday morning, Jan. 3 in a double ring service by Rev. A. L. Truesdell in the parsonage at Moores Corner.

Miss Edith Stratford, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor and Wayne Billings, brother of the bride was best man. The bride wore a winter wool dress with gold sequins and accessories. She carried an orchid bouquet. The maid of honor wore an aqua dress with accessories and carried a rose bouquet.

After the ceremony, a dinner was held at the bride's home for members of the immediate families, after which the young couple left for an unannounced wedding trip.

DEATHS

HARRY P. SAGE

Harry P. Sage died suddenly at his home on the Pond road, South Vernon on Monday, Jan. 5 at the age of 71 years.

He was the son of John B. and Cora (Estabrook) Sage of Jamaica, Vt. He had been employed on the Dunklee farm since 1923. He retired Sept. 23, because of ill health. On Nov. 30, 1930 he married Zella Rugg, who with a half-brother, Earl Sage of Townsend, Vt., and a step-mother, Mrs. Fannie Sage of Brattleboro, survives.

Funeral services were held at his late home on Wednesday afternoon and burial was in the West Wardsboro, Vt., Cemetery.

Open Meeting

The State Line Fellowship of the Advent Christian Church of South Vernon, Vt., will hold an open meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 7:45 p. m. Movies for the whole family will be shown by Rev. Lennox Mitchell, pastor of the Advent Christian Church of Springfield. An offering will be taken and light refreshments will be served. Please note change in date.

Town Topics

Announcement has been made by the railroads that the snow trains will begin to run during the week-ends from Boston and from New York to Pittsfield and other skiing centers.

Classes at Mt. Hermon School resumed Jan. 7 after the Christmas vacation and at Northfield School for Girls classes began Jan. 8. Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools, will be guest preacher at the morning service of the Church of Phillips at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N. H., Jan. 11.

Miss Barbara Emery after spending the holidays at her home in South Vernon has returned to her studies at Boston University. Miss Barbara Cutler has returned to the School of Theology in Boston and Miss Barbara Spaulding to Aurora College. Three girls all named Barbara.

Robert Dolan Dies

Robert P. Dolan of Greenfield, died after a brief illness at the Hotel Bradford in Boston, on Monday, Jan. 5. He was a former secretary of the Greenfield Chamber of Commerce, but was best known to many friends in Northfield as the publisher of the Greenfield Shopping News, which was printed at the former plant of the Northfield Printing Co.

After the suspension of the Shopping News he entered government work and was connected with various departments, afterwards taking up special ventures in business. Mr. Dolan was active in public life and always willing to be of assistance to those deserving. Sympathy is extended to his widow and members of the family who survive.

Funeral services were held in Holy Trinity Church on Thursday morning and burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

TOWN TOPICS

Gilbert R. Gredler, a senior at the University of New Hampshire, has returned to school after spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, the Rev. Gredler.

David E. Gredler has returned to Wesleyan University where he is a junior.

An infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Amsden of South Vernon, died at the Franklin County Hospital Wednesday, Dec. 31. Friends extend sympathy.

John Edward Phelps of Greenfield, formerly of this town, well known artist, was about Northfield last week, calling upon relatives and also doing some painting of landscape scenes.

Guests at Green Pastures during the Christmas holidays were Charlotte Goddu of Southbridge and Molly McLeod of Fall River; Hal Reeves of Springfield, William Armstrong of Louisville, Mo., and Carola Comer of Fairfield, Conn.

Miss Virginia Powell went to Exeter, N. H., to speak to the members of the Women's Club on her work as a Red Cross recreational worker on Saipan and Tinian on Tuesday evening, Jan. 6. After one and a half years' service in the Pacific, Miss Powell flew over 8000 miles on her return trip and reached New York last Nov. 22.

Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Field of Main street were greeted by their son, Seth Field, on a visit over the holidays. At Christmas they had a family party and dinner with Mr. and Mrs. George Pefferlee and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parker and their son Thomas as guests.

Sidney Given, Jr., who has been ill, was taken to the Franklin County Hospital for treatment last Sunday by Dr. A. B. True. He is reported as improving.

Mrs. Frank H. Montague entertained her sister, Miss Merriman of New York, at her home on Main street over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hooper of Keene were holiday guests of her mother, Mrs. Clara B. Alexander and her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Eastman at their home on Winchester road, during the Christmas season.

A daughter, Beverly Jean, was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Stevens at the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital on Sunday evening, Jan. 4. They have recently moved from East Northfield to their new home at Mount Hermon.

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New Hampshire has done a valuable service in promoting its winter activities and will bring considerable business to the state. Many hotels heretofore used only during the summer months will be open the entire winter season.

CHURCH NOTES

TRINITARIAN
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister
Sunday, Jan. 11
10 a. m. Church School and Young People's Forum.

11 a. m. Worship. Sermon subject: "Supporting the Protestant Tradition." Nursery for pre-school age children.

6:30 p. m. Lynn Partridge will lead the devotional service at Pilgrim Fellowship. "Personal Criticisms" will be continued.

7 p. m. Meeting of the 20-45 Club. Mrs. Horace Bolton and Mrs. Manuel Lopez, co-chairmen of the supper committee. Harold Judd will speak on and demonstrate "Model Railroad as a Hobby."

UNITARIAN CHURCH
Rev. Hazel Rogers Gredler, Minister
Sunday, Jan. 11
Sunday School, 10 a. m. promptly.

Mrs. Carroll Miller, supt. Church service and sermon at 11 a. m. Music directed by Mrs. Virginia Haach. Children's sermon, "The Gift of the Shining Stranger." Sermon, "Everyday Living."

The church vestry will be open Wednesday, Jan. 14, from 3:30 to 5 p. m., when the Sunday school classes of Miss Webster, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Doolittle and Miss McCollum are invited for games.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Helen D. Barnett, Pastor
Services are held in the Grange Hall.

10:30 a. m. Morning worship with sermon by the pastor. Subject: "The Glory of the Sanctuary."

11:30 a. m. Sunday School.

6 p. m. Young People's Meeting; leader, Janet Jones.

7:30 p. m. Wednesday evening, the weekly prayer-meeting will be held at the home of Florence Jones.

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Sunday School, 10:45 a. m. Loyal Workers, 6:30 p. m. Prayers, 7:30 p. m. Weekly prayer meeting, Thursdays at the Vernon home, 7:45 p. m.

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Rev. Henry J. McCormick, Pastor
Masses: First Sunday of month, 8:30 a. m. All other Sundays, 10:30 a. m.

Gordon College Will Have New Location

Gordon College of Theology and Missions of Boston will take over the large estate of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Henry Prince in Wenham very soon as the future site of the institution. The large castle-like house and the grounds have not been occupied since 1933 although offered for sale and once suggested as a site for the United Nations capital. The property value was once set at two million dollars.

Rev. T. Leonard Lewis is president of Gordon College and he hopes the buildings can be made in readiness for early occupancy and additional facilities provided. Gordon College is a well known institution among persons of religious ideals and missionary interests. It has a large enrollment of students and several young folks from Northfield and vicinity have been enrolled.

University of Life

Another series of religious studies and addresses will be held by the churches of Greenfield beginning Sunday, Jan. 11 at the First Baptist Church. Rev. Ralph Rood, minister of the church, who has been active in making the arrangements, states that the gatherings will run for five weeks and the course of study will include "The World Frontiers," "Personal Living," "Prophecy of the Bible," and for the young folks, "The Realities of Life." Speakers have not yet been announced but the list will undoubtedly include several from Mount Hermon.

The musical portion of each program will include selections by the Women's Club chorus and a Negro chorus, both Greenfield organizations. As in past years it is expected that several from Northfield will attend the series.

WITH OR WITHOUT?

Only 28 per cent of rural homes had running water in 1945, as compared with 95 per cent of urban homes. For bath tubs or showers the comparative figures were 18 per cent and 88 per cent.

The Editor Introduces The Hantunens

After a period of many years, through good years and lean, the editor of the Press, reluctantly must forego the responsibilities and privileges of personal direction and pass it to others, more capable of carrying on. After careful consideration the task passes to Mr. and Mrs. Unto Hantunen, formerly of Quincy, who are well qualified both in publishing and editorial experience.

Mr. Hantunen is a veteran of the war services, identified with the publishing of the army paper and recently was with the American Airlines in Florida. Mrs. Hantunen has been experienced in business and journalistic work and they will be given the full personal support of the present editor. Mr. Hantunen will serve as the publisher and Mrs. Hantunen and Mr. Hoehn as the editors in the future set-up of the Press. Plans for its future development in publishing are for the present held in abeyance.

The Press with its record of 40 years in serving the people of this community and vicinity holds an enviable record and is entitled to the support of our citizens. The Press is not in competition with any other newspaper but covers its field thoroughly as a record of events and the activities of our people.

Mr. and Mrs. Hantunen are at present guests at the home of Mrs. Roy A. Barrows of Winchester road but later expect to have their own home here and identify themselves with local affairs.

Town Nurse Reports

Public health nurse, has rendered her report for December, as follows:

Total calls, 113; chronic, 72; acute, 9; pre-natal, 3; infant health supervision, 8; adult, 3; pre-school, 2; school, 12; tuberculosis cases, 1; meetings attended, 2; transportation furnished, 7; social service, 3. Two sessions of the diphtheria clinic were conducted.

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Most of the descriptive phrases for the lush, tropical isle off the tip of India grew out of its handsome scenery—mountains and waterfalls, sculptured rice terraces, rhododendron gardens and palm-fringed lagoons.

Ceylon's jewel title is earned by its pearl fisheries and gem pits. Gravel and sand give up sapphires, rubies, garnets and other precious and semi-precious stones.

Lions, however, exist now only in old native legends. Instead, in the forests and jungles are wild elephants, leopards, monkeys, crocodiles and cobras. A mysterious forest creature, with a weird, strangled cry in the night, is known as the "devil bird" by the natives. They believe it contains the tortured spirit of the dead.

Ceylon has been a British possession since 1796. It was made a crown colony separate from India as far back as 1802. During World War II, the island, hill town of Kandy was headquarters of the Southeast Asia Command. The excellent harbor of Trincomalee, on the northeast coast, became a vital United Nations base. Ships laden with war supplies and troops replaced the former heavy commercial traffic at Colombo, the island's capital and cosmopolitan port on the west coast.

Big Game Fish Records

Offer Keen Competition

According to the chart of the International Game Fish association, the largest game fish ever to be taken on rod and reel was a man-eater or white shark, caught by G. R. Cowell off Kangaroo Island, Australia, on May 12, 1941. The huge shark measured 14 feet, 3 inches in length, 8 feet and 1/4 inch in girth and weighed 1,919 pounds.

Runner-up is another of the shark family, a tiger shark weighing 1,384 pounds and measuring 13 feet and 10 inches in length, 7 feet and 8 inches in girth. This fish was taken by L. Bagnard, off Sidney Heads, Australia, February 22, 1939.

Other record sharks are a 1,000 pound porbeagle shark and a 1,000 pound mako shark.

The largest bluefin tuna weighed 927 pounds and measured 10 feet, 3 inches in length. This fish fell to the angling skill of J. Vernaglis in Ipswich bay, Massachusetts, on August 25, 1940.

Among those anglers who have crashed the circle of record holders is the motion picture actor, Wallace Beery, whose 515 pound California black sea bass set a new record for this species.

Disease of Royalty

Hemophilia, often called the "disease of royalty" because it has afflicted some of the ruling families of Europe, is also a problem among some of the "royalty" of America's dog population. In research reported by American Veterinary Medical association, the disease was studied in the male members of a family of highly-prized, purebred dogs. Symptoms of hemophilia began when the dogs were born and, as they became older, a number of them bled to death after suffering ordinary wounds or while cutting teeth. The blood failed to clot and nothing could be done to stop the bleeding. Studies revealed that the hemophilia was due to "an inherited, sex-linked, recessive gene." The condition, it was explained, can be inherited in different ways in different species and families.

Miners Are Younger

The age of the bituminous coal miner in the U. S. averages 41 years, and the age curve is downward rather than upward, according to figures by Bituminous Coal Institute. Furthermore, the bituminous industry has its largest percentage of workers in the 30 to 34 age group, while industry generally has its greatest percentage of workers in the 35 to 39 age bracket. "Records of the federal social security board, which has to keep tabs on all workers in all industries," said the BCI statement, "give the lie to recent loose talk to the effect that coal miners as a class are, for the most part, old men with an average age well past 50."

Cleaning Your Clock

Generally when a clock stops it needs cleaning and oiling. To clean and oil a clock, you need to take it apart. Take a feather and strip it down until there is a tiny bit of fine material on the small end, then dip this in gasoline or benzine and brush the bearings of the clock slightly, being careful at all times not to damage the hair spring and balance wheel. By using care there is little danger of doing damage to your clock. Never touch the metal parts of your clock with your hand if you can avoid it. If you do so, it means tarnish afterwards. After the benzine, gasoline or naphtha has evaporated use a very light fine oil or mineral oil thinned with kerosene. Moisten the leather wheels, this oil and brush lightly on the bearings.

Town Topics

William Hilliard, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hilliard of West Northfield, who is with the Otis Elevator Co. of Springfield, after spending the holidays at his home has been transferred to Bangor, Me.

A card from Fred P. Jones of this town who is visiting at Anaheim, Calif., states that he is enjoying the California weather and sunshine. He sends greetings to friends.

Mrs. Murray Hammond of Northfield Farms had as last weekend guests, her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Kirby of Springfield.

A fire in the smoke house of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. McNeil of Maple street on Tuesday noon completely ended the hopes of enjoying some fine bacon and hams. Discovered by Mr. Field and his brothers, the flames were smothered before the department arrived.

Les Stedon of the town, who is president of the county unit of the Selective Breeding Association, has called for the annual meeting of the association in the Orange Hall at Shelburne, Tuesday, Jan. 13 for an all day session.

Peter Jack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, Jack of Highland avenue, is attending Eaglebrook School at Deerfield.

The executive committee of the Women's Guild of the Congregational Church met last Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Frank H. Montague at her home on Main street. It was decided to hold a parish pot-luck supper at the church on Thursday evening, Jan. 22. A sewing and business meeting of the Guild will be held at the church on Tuesday, Jan. 27.

Rev. and Mrs. Ellis E. Jones of the Vernon Union Church spent the Christmas holiday with his son and family, Dr. and Mrs. Walter Jones at Providence, R. I. Their daughter

and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Jones of Mansfield were also on a visit, and this afforded a real family reunion.

Mrs. Alfred H. Evans, a former resident of West Northfield, is spending the winter in St. Petersburg, Fla. Her two sisters are with her.

Robert Kuhn of South Vernon reports that a large red fox was shot and killed in his duck house which it had entered and had killed four ducks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Carey Tyler of South Vernon have gone by auto to Florida to spend the winter.

Miss Phoebe Stacy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Stacy of West Northfield, spent the Christmas holiday at her home. She is a student nurse with the Children's Hospital in Boston.

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Louvre of Paris Hanks

As Outstanding in Beauty

The Louvre building, as it now stands in Paris, is the work of many architects from the time of Francis I to the early years of the Third Republic, and much of it is at least ordinary. Tucked away, however, in the great rambling structure are facades in the original work of those Renaissance artists whose ideas made men forget the Gothic completely at a time when the Tour St. Jacques was still clean and new.

First in time and beauty is the work of Lesot in the southwest part of the Cour du Louvre, where the inspiration of the designer of the facade was crowned by the figures of Jean Goujon, greatest sculptor of the French Renaissance. The Colonnade of Claude Perrault on the eastern extremity of the whole edifice is equally famous, if not equally admired, for its grandeur marks the beginning of a school of architecture. This facade, incidentally, faces on the church of St. Germain - l'Auxerrois, whose bell gave the signal in 1573 for the massacre of St. Bartholomew.

The long gallery which faces the river was built during the time of Catherine de Medici and Henry IV, and reconstructed and altered under Napoleon III, whose reign also saw the building of most of the northern wing along the Rue de Rivoli.

Ultra-Violet Rays Turned Ineffective in Fruit Decay

Several difficulties still stand in the way of using germicidal lamps to prevent decay of fruit in shipment and storage, according to the department of agriculture. Fruit decay usually is caused by fungi or molds, instead of by bacteria against which ultra-violet light has been shown to be very effective.

Installation of lights in storage rooms to kill molds and bacteria in the air are of doubtful benefit, the tests show. The air must pass close to the lights many times to get exposure long enough to kill spores of most fruit rots. Since the infection usually starts from spores that are brought in on the fruit, reducing the spore load in the air is of not much help, unless the spores on the fruit can be killed also. To be effective, the germicidal light must strike all surfaces of the fruit. This is hard to do in a storage room.

Exposing fruit as long as 10 minutes at a distance of six inches from the lights gave only a partial kill of common peach rots. Plant scientists cannot yet recommend germicidal lamps for general use in protecting fruit during packing, storage or shipment.

Process for Killing Turkeys Explained

The ever-increasing demand for petroleum products has led the oil industry to seek new deposits far from the shore beneath the ocean bottom. Exploration methods involve the detonation of explosive charges under the surface of the water, with echoes of oil-bearing strata being picked up on sonic detection devices. Inasmuch as the use of explosives can cause damage to marine life, any undersea exploration is subject to regulations of the fish and game commission. Studies indicate that the use of explosives as conducted in oil surveys is only moderately harmful to marine life and only within a restricted range. If the "shots" are buried under the sand, harmful effects are minimized. As a result of these observations, oil companies are required to operate only where fish are not abundant at the time and they must bury their charges in the sand when operating in shallow water.

Wearing of the Mink

The mink is probably the most resourceful hunter of the weasel family. He is a hunter most of his time and sleeps only when he is too tired to go hunting. Then, wherever he is, he curls up and sleeps a while. Wakening, he will sit patiently by a stream to catch a fish; then will stalk a frog; catch a rabbit that is trying its best to get away; follow a meadow mouse along its little tunnel; streak up a tree to rob a bird's nest; chase a bob-white until it drops from fear; take a chicken neatly out of a farmer's pen. The pelts vary from light shades of brown to a rich glossy dark brown. They are highly prized in the manufacture of fur garments. Mink farming has become of commercial importance. The value of the industry in New York state alone has succeeded five million dollars.

Removing Fruit Stains

Some fruit stains will wash out with boiling water, but at least four will give way only to cool-water treatment, according to Washington State college specialists. Fresh peach, pear, cherry or plum stains can be removed by using cool water and glycerine or a soapless shampoo. The cool water process is to first sponge the stain with cool water. Then work a little glycerine or soapless shampoo into the stain, rubbing lightly between the hands. Let stand for several hours, then apply a few drops of vinegar and allow to remain a minute or two before rinsing thoroughly with water. Cool water and glycerine also are recommended for stains made by tomato juice and catsup.

Herds and Flocks on Successful Farms

Feed bunks for cattle should be 30 inches high for mature stock and 24 inches for calves. Allow 30 inches of trough length for each grown animal, 20 for each calf. Make the grain and silage bunk three feet wide for feeding from both sides. Many ewes die every winter from a condition known as pregnancy diseases. The losses are not as common in flocks where the ewes are kept gaining slightly in weight during the gestation period.

DO YOU KNOW MASSACHUSETTS?

DO YOU KNOW THAT . . . The number of wage earners employed on building construction in Massachusetts during November was 7% more than a year ago and nearly two and a half times as large as the average in 1935-1939 . . . Average of weekly earnings per building wage earner in November was \$67.50, an increase of 5.3% over that a year ago and 98% more than the average in 1935-1939, as reported by Dept. of Labor and Industries . . . Consumption of motor fuel in Massachusetts during the first ten months of 1947 totaled 682,000,000 gallons, 2.6% more than in the same months of 1941 which previously had stood as the all-time peak year . . . The "Hannah,"

America's first warship and the beginning of the United States Navy was fitted out as a naval vessel at Beverly in 1775 and commanded by Captain Nicholas Broughton . . . Veterans in Massachusetts receiving employment allowances are now reduced to less than 19,000, compared with 44,000 a year ago and a peak number of about 85,000 in April 1946 . . . Oil and other petroleum imports at Boston by tanker vessels averaged 137,100 long tons per month during the first eight months of 1947, compared with a monthly average of 118,100 in the same period of 1946.

Mass. State Planning Board.

Your Week

JANUARY 12-18

By Quincy

WEEKSCOPE

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY FALLS BETWEEN THESE DATES YOU ARE IDEALISTIC KIND AND ALWAYS LOOKING FOR THE CLOUD WITH A SILVER LINING.

MON 12 1898 - JOHN WINTHROP, FIRST GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS, BORN IN ENGLAND, ARRIVED IN 1630, HE SETTLED ON THE SHUMMIT PENINSULA (BOSTON).

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WED 14 1785 - TECHNICALLY THIS MAY BE THE REAL "UNDERWORLD DAY" WHEN ENGLAND SIGNED THE TREATY RECOGNIZING INDEPENDENCE.

THUR 15 1870 - A CARTOON BY THOMAS NEELEY IN SATIRE FOR THE FIRST TIME OF THE DRIVE AS THE EMBLEM OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

FRI 16 1777 - NEW JERSEY DECLARED ITS INDEPENDENCE. IT BECAME THE REPUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY, UNTIL ADOPTION AS A STATE IN 1791.

SAT 17 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BORN 1706 - AUTHOR, PATRIOT, PHILOSOPHER AND DIPLOMAT - BUT A TRAITOR IN THE EYES OF HIS SON WHO WAS A TORY.

SUN 18 PETER MARK ROSET BORN 1779. HE WORKED NEARLY 30 YEARS ON THE FAMOUS THEODORE.

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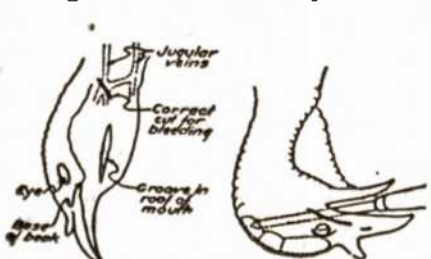


Process for Killing Turkeys Explained

Proper Slaughtering And Bleeding Required

Before killing turkeys, as well as other fowl, see that they have access to water but no feed during the 12 to 18 hours prior to slaughtering. When the turkey shows feed in the crop it will not be graded as quality.

To kill a turkey for market, suspend them by shackles, leaving the wings free. Insert the blade of the killing knife in the turkey's mouth



Proper method of killing a turkey as well as other fowl. —Drawing, Cornell University.

and make one clean cut across the upper part of the throat just back of the junction of the head and neck, as shown in drawing.

Hold the turkey head down, with the beak open, until the blood is well started. With the left hand grasp the head in front of where the cut has been made to prevent the pressure of the fingers from checking the flow of blood. Poor bleeding is indicated by visible blood in the veins and by the dark red appearance of the carcass after picking.

When the blood is flowing freely, thrust the knife blade straight back on a line between the eyes and ears, through the cleft in the roof of the mouth and into the lower lobe of the brain. Give the knife a quarter turn. This kills the bird and loosens the feathers.

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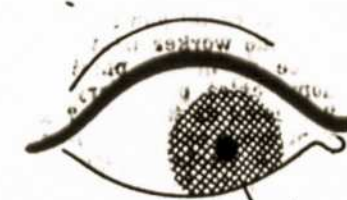
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The newspaper in your town is more than just a medium of news and advertising. It is a history of the community, and its citizens, preserved for the files of posterity. In order to properly chronicle the life of the town three things are necessary: the cooperation of the readers, the advertising of the merchants and the energy and resourcefulness of the editors. If one of the links in this chain be weak then the usefulness of the newspaper is impaired. The need for cooperation is evident.

The film "Youth United for a Better Home Town" was shown at the Town Hall New Year's Eve. The public was invited to attend, yet only a handful saw the movie. Surely, there must be folks in town who are interested in young people and their activities. It takes training to develop skills in good citizenship. It takes education to know the community, how it grew, and what can be done to improve it. Pride in one's home town is contagious, let's cooperate with youth to preserve it.

Penicillin For Teeth
Brushing your teeth with a tooth powder containing penicillin may make you less likely to have cavities or dental caries, according to experiments conducted at Western Reserve university.

That is the promising report of two doctors who used 252 human guinea pigs to study the use of penicillin as a weapon against tooth decay. In the experiment, 161 boys brushed their teeth for five months with a powder containing penicillin. At the end of the period, the doctors made counts of the number of adipsophilus bacilli in the boys' mouths. This bacillus forms the acid which causes tooth decay.

Of the boys who had used penicillin in their tooth powder, 65 per cent had a lower bacillus count, while only 4 per cent had an increased count. Among the boys who had not had the penicillin powder, 43 per cent had fewer bacilli and 20 per cent had a higher count.

From Oak to Mahogany
If it is desired to change an oak finish to mahogany, remove the old finish with paint remover and then remove any traces of wax that may have been left by the remover or other residue, by thoroughly wiping the surface with mineral spirits of benzene, being careful to keep the work away from fire or flame. Then stain with mahogany stain to the desired depth of color. When the stain is thoroughly dry, thin paste wood filler, obtainable from any paint dealer, with turpentine to the consistency of thick cream, and brush it on freely, brushing with the grain of the wood. After the shine has disappeared, rub thoroughly with a coarse cloth or excelsior to remove any surplus filler. The surface then should be well rubbed down with fine sandpaper and thoroughly cleaned of dust.

New Lime Is Born
A promising newcomer in the citrus family is the Perrine lemon, a lemon-lime hybrid developed by the department of agriculture to meet the need of a lemon that would grow in Florida. It closely resembles the lemon in color and flavor, but has a pale, greenish-yellow pulp similar to that of the true lime. The lime, little cousin to the lemon, is grown principally in Florida. There are two chief varieties—the Tahiti or Persian lime, and the Key lime. The latter, which is higher in acid than other citrus fruits, grows mostly on the keys, or tiny islands, at the extreme southern tip of Florida. Key limes are small, but they pack a lot of vitamins and thirst-quenching flavor. They are very good "mixers."

National Park Ideas
National parks in the United States, created by act of congress, are areas of national significance distinguished by superlative natural scenery, set aside for preservation as nearly as possible in unimpaired condition and dedicated to the use and inspiration of the people. In establishing the Yellowstone, first national park, congress quickly designated it "a public park or pleasure-ground for the benefit and enjoyment of the people," and provided against "injury or spoliation of all timber, mineral deposits, natural curiosities or wonders within said park, and their retention in their natural conditions." In establishing national parks no thought is given to geographic location. The area proposed for national park use is considered primarily from the standpoint of whether not its principal features broad, national interest.

POET'S CORNER

(Contributions by local poets are welcome)

"Though love repine and reason chafe—
I heard a voice without reply—
'Tis man's perdition to be safe.
When for the truth he ought to die."
—Emerson.

"So long as we love, we serve.
So long as we are loved by others
We are indispensable.
And no man is useless while he has
a friend."

Uncle Sam Says



What would you do if you learned that the worker next to you at the office or in the plant was taking home extra pay every payday and you could do the same? Your Uncle Sam needs only one guess. Well, the Payroll Savings Plan for Savings Bonds actually provides extra pay because it accumulates Savings Bonds for you which pay off at the rate of \$4 for every \$5 in 10 years. All you have to do is to authorize your employer to hold back a stipulated amount which he will hand back to you in a better form of money—money which earns interest—U. S. Savings Bonds. Savings Bonds are extra pay. For example, if you take part of your pay in Savings Bonds at the rate of \$3.75 per week, the Bonds become \$2,163.45 in 10 years. U. S. Treasury Department

Delaware Flower
The peach blossom was adopted as the official floral emblem of the State of Delaware on May 9, 1885. Prior to the passage of this act there had been much sentiment among some of the citizens of the state who favored the golden rod as the state flower. As result of this sentiment agriculturalists and school children sent petitions to the legislature pointing out that Delaware had the reputation of being the "Peach State" since her orchards contained more than 800,000 peach trees, which yielded a crop worth thousands of dollars. These reasons prompted adoption of the peach blossom as the official state flower.

Cause of Mental Diseases
Schizophrenia, which accounts for about 20 per cent of all patients admitted to our mental hospitals, and manic-depressive psychosis, 10 per cent of first admissions, are sometimes referred to as functional psychoses. There is another group of mental diseases called the organic psychoses because they are known to have a definite organic basis. Among these are psychoses with cerebral arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries of the brain) and senile dementia, both of which come with old age and are due to the breakdown of the human machine. These two types of mental disorders account for almost 22 per cent of the patients admitted to hospitals, and there are strong indications that they will make up even a larger percentage of chronic cases in the future.

Nearly Five Million Autos
The automobile industry expects to build 4,700,000 vehicles, including a new record of 1,100,000 trucks, this year, says Automobile Manufacturers' association. Largest output in the industry's history was 5,360,000 in 1929. Last year's output of 3,000,000 vehicles in the United States was two-thirds of the 1941 total, but replacement parts production to keep old cars running exceeded all past levels with a wholesale value of 1.75 billion dollars. Passenger cars and trucks in use last year numbered 33,946,000, about 437,000 below the 1941 peak, although truck registrations reached a new high of 5,728,000. Motor vehicle scrapage from 1943 through 1946 was at the rate of \$20,000 a year, as new cars continued in short supply.

Foot Mat Rings Bell
An Ohio mushroom grower has invented an automatic contrivance that wipes your shoes for you. When you step in front of the door it will clean the soles of your shoes, turn on the porch light and ring the door bell. The door mat is installed flush with the porch floor. It goes into operation when pressure is applied to the grill work. The pressure, which can be regulated to wipe even Fido's feet after his outdoor romp, starts a quarter horsepower motor which sets in motion the wipers protruding above the grill. Dirt wiped from shoes sifts down through the grating into a receptacle connected with the sewer. A heating unit and thermostat keep the gadget free of ice and snow during the winter.



Cube Turkey Steaks To Aid Consumption

Process Boosts Market For Large Type Fowl

By W. J. DRYDEN

Turkey raisers want to produce the larger holiday bird—the public wants the smaller fowl. The cost for a large tom is too much for the average family. To produce a small turkey the cost per pound of gain is far greater than in the case of the larger fowl.

Desiring to create a year around consumer demand for turkeys, the National Turkey federation and the Poultry and Egg National board de-



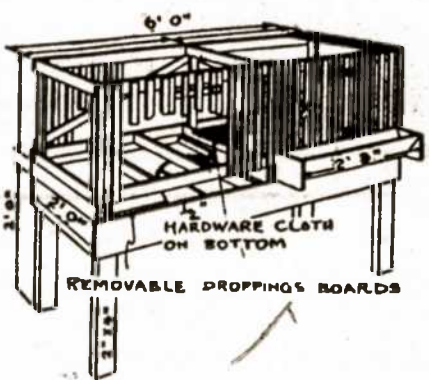
Making turkey steaks with cube machine.

cided to utilize the machine which for years has been turning out the beef cubed steak.

The meat is removed from the turkey and sent through the machine and out comes a four or six ounce steak, ready for the stove and then the lunch box or the formal dinner.

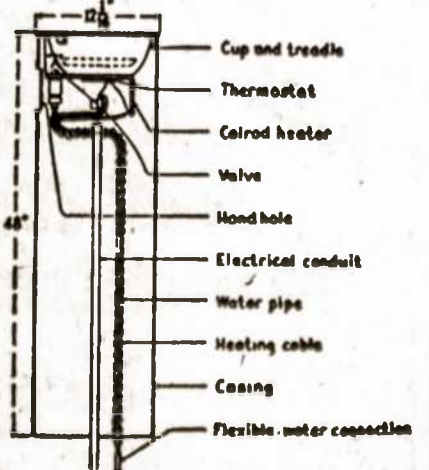
Consumption of turkeys has been less than five pounds per capita. With development of the turkey steak, the turkey industry is endeavoring to attain a per capita output 10 times higher. The cubed turkey steak can be quick frozen and packaged in the same manner as many other kinds of steaks. This new plan is expected to assure the turkey raiser that there will be no overproduction of turkeys.

Fattening Crate



It may be advisable to confine poultry in small pens for market feeding. This fattening crate is easily made by the poultry raiser and also will make an ideal broody coop. Feeding and watering troughs should be placed so that the birds may secure food and water between the slats. Place a wire bottom so that droppings can fall through to a removable dropping board for cleaning.

De-Icer for Livestock



A barnyard drinking cup in an open area where stock have access to it from all sides has been developed recently. The cup rests on a heavy steel cylinder installed in the earth to protect the water supply pipe, electric heating unit for the cup, heating cable for the pipe, and thermostatic switch. —Drawing by Geneva Agricultural Experiment station.

Cannibalism Termed Frequent in Winter

Cannibalism may be started in the laying house during the winter months due to confinement of birds formerly adjusted to ranges, to lack of proper air, improper housing, floor laying, injured birds left in house, blow-outs and insufficient and improperly constructed nests as well as idleness, crowding and inadequate eating and drinking space. The remedy will lie in removal of the offenders.

VOICE OF THE FARM BUREAU

(By CARLETON I. PICKETT, Hanson)

The county Farm Bureau meetings are over. The state Farm Bureau conventions have been held. The American Farm Bureau Convention has concluded. And the American farmer, organized as never before in history, has made known to the world his position on public affairs.

The program that farmers have set up and will back most certainly will color the actions taken by state legislatures and by the Congress. It will make itself felt on what we earn and how we live and gradually will affect most of us one way or another.

What is the attitude of the American farmer on public issues?

Internationally he will support the Marshall plan but will be insistent that aid given other nations be of a nature to help people help themselves. He will demand that individuals receiving aid be instructed that this came from a people working under democracy—from Americans.

On the domestic scene the farmer will ask that there be no great reduction in income tax during this inflationary period. He favors instead reduction of debt. Extension of the community property law for tax purposes is favored now.

Price controls, regimentation, and government allocations are to be fought. Instead a positive approach to curbing inflation may be found in tightening bank credits and consumer credits.

What about support prices? There is ample indication that farmers want only such support prices as may keep off sudden farm collapse. For the first time the Farm Bureau favors a system of variable supports ranging from 60 to 80 per cent of parity depending on the product and its peculiarities.

The old parity concept should be kept but not necessarily the old

parity formula. In fact there is an unmistakable trend in favor of a modernized parity based on a ten year moving average.

The coordination and consolidation of agricultural agencies was universally supported by delegates from every state. The proposed program is for the Production Marketing Administration to become responsible for regulatory phases of the farm program and for such conservation payments as may be necessary. The whole thing to be accomplished locally under state and local committees of elected farmers and nothing to be done until after receiving approval of such committees.

Research would be handled by the State Experiment Station.

All the informational, demonstrational, technical, and educational work of farm agencies would be placed under the State Extension Service by the farm program adopted by the Farm Bureau.

That in the main is the new program of American Farmers. It was first discussed at home, in the counties. Later the State meetings consolidated the thinking of the counties. At last the farm representatives from the States all over the nation evolved the present policies.

Election of a new president in Allan B. Kline of Iowa and a new vice-president in Romeo Shert of Arkansas has given the Farm Bureau new impetus. Short is no stranger to Massachusetts farmers having been with them at the annual meetings last year.

Kline will make his first appearance, in fact his first appearance to any group of farmers since his election, before New England farmers at Worcester, Jan. 7 at 1:30 p. m. The occasion is the Union Agricultural meetings in the Auditorium.

Filtered Orange Juice Will Maintain Flavor

Much of the off-flavor that develops in processed orange juice, especially when stored in glass at room temperature, comes from fatty material in the juice that is not removed in the processing, according to the experiments of the department of agriculture.

Filtered juice develops some off-flavor, but not as much as the unfiltered. Peel oil may mask off-flavor, but it is responsible for little if any of it. Cool storage prevents most of the injury to flavor in these juices.

Orange juice concentrates when reconstituted and juice pressed from peeled fruits develop about as much off-flavor as other forms of orange juice. The essences of the juice and what chemists call the water soluble esters have little or no effect in development of off-flavor.

Peel oil has little to do with development of off-flavors, because orange juice with very low content of peel oil has a flat, insipid flavor after pasteurization. Presence of some peel oil is essential for good flavor, these experiments show.

None of the experimental packs showed a serious change in flavor when stored cool—at 40 degrees—for one year, but samples stored at 80 degrees were darker than those at 40 degrees after only three months, and a flavor change was noticed in every case. Samples with a peel oil content high enough to mask off-flavor tasted best after long storage. Filtering out the suspended matter largely prevents development of off-flavor during storage at room temperature.

Lowly Corncob Utilized In Nylon Manufacture

Even the corn cob is finding its place in the synthetic world, point out Purdue university specialists. Along with cotton-seed hulls, bran of oats and rice, corn cobs are being used in the making of nylon.

The cobs, hulls and other cellulose materials are sources of a chemical known as furfural. Approximately 200 million pounds of cobs or other agricultural by-products are needed to supply the maximum amount of furfural for only one company.

In the making of nylon, the hulls or cobs are pressure cooked in a weak acid, followed by a complicated purification process. This is followed by extracting and complicated processing to produce nylon "salt." From this "salt," nylon yarn is manufactured.

This new process provides a replaceable source for one of the basic chemicals needed for nylon. Twelve years of study and about one million dollars were used before experimentation on the new process was completed.

Two Drinks Daily Termed 'Alcohol in Moderation'

A moderate drinker takes two cocktails or highballs a day, states a consultant of American Medical association in answer to a query.

His reply says that "for the average, so-called healthy adult, on a good diet, two cocktails or highballs a day would be considered by most informed people as 'taking alcohol in moderation,' particularly if not taken on an empty stomach before the morning breakfast, and if taken shortly before, during or shortly after the evening meal. But taken under identical conditions and rate, this quantity of alcohol would produce much higher blood alcohol in a person weighing 100 pounds than in a person weighing 200 pounds."

The late Dr. Raymond Pearl of Johns Hopkins medical school reported that moderate drinkers live as long as do total abstainers. On the other hand, heavy or so-called excessive drinkers shorten their life span, evidently through the action of alcohol.

In regard to the immediate and temporary action of alcohol (the degree of inebriety) there are considerable individual variations in tolerance. But it is not yet known whether persons having low tolerance suffer chronic injury more readily. All that can be said at present is that to the average normal adult possible chronic injuries from the amounts of alcohol mentioned have not yet been proved or clearly separated from hereditary factors in the organ potentials, from the inevitable effects of disease, from accidents, from the strain of living and from the aging processes.

Concrete Wall Utilized To Enclose Cyclotron

A five-foot wall of concrete has been erected around the giant 4,000-ton cyclotron at University of California as a result of experiments to determine the most effective shielding against the radiation created by the machine's new high energy bombardments.

The research, done under the auspices of the atomic energy commission, was reported by Dr. B. J. Moyer of University of California. He said that as the intensity of the beam produced by the cyclotron is increased the thickness of concrete will be expanded to eight feet and, eventually, to 10 feet.

He said that a number of elements were tested in addition to concrete. Water, paraffin, graphite, aluminum and lead were all less effective than concrete. Copper was more effective, but would be impractical because of the expense.

The concrete wall protects personnel primarily from the 180-million electron-volt neutrons produced in 200-million electron-volt deuteron and 400-million electron-volt alpha particle bombardments by the giant atom smashers.

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